

SENATE BILL 2129

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 14; Title
33; Title 47; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71,
relative to mental health.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) The Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations (TACIR) shall conduct a study on how emergency departments manage patients with severe mental illnesses and what best practices exist for helping emergency patients with severe mental illness.

(b) All appropriate state departments and agencies shall provide assistance to TACIR upon request in connection with the study required under subsection (a).

(c) On or before January 31, 2023, TACIR shall report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, regarding how emergency departments manage patients with severe mental illnesses and what best practices exist for helping emergency patients with severe mental illness to the health and welfare committee of the senate and the health committee of the house of representatives.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.